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1. IN ITS MAY 3 MEETING THE FEDERAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION APPROVED THE CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION OF THREE POLITICAL PARTIES. THE COMMUNISTS (PCM) AND THE SOCIALISTS WORKERS PARTY (PST) WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WHILE THE MEXICAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDM) WON A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES. LAZARO RUBIO FELIX, THE PPS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION OPPOSED THE PDM'S REGISTRATION BECAUSE OF ITS (ALLEGED) NEO-FASCIST ORIGINS.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE NEWLY REGISTERED PARTIES PARTICIPATED IN THE MAY 8 MEETING OF THE FEDERAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION WHICH ANNOUNCED THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY INTO 300 SINGLE MEMBER CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF SEATS INCREASES THE FEDERAL DISTRICT FROM 27 TO 40 AND THE STATE OF MEXICO FROM 13 TO 34, GIVING THE MEXICO CITY METROPOLITAN AREA ONE-FOURTH OF THE SINGLE MEMBER SEATS. UP TO A HUNDRED DEPUTIES MAY BE ELECTED IN MULTI-MEMBER DISTRICTS, WHICH
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